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GROUP 1754
PATENT APPLICATION

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 76, 79, 82-85 and 87 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,847,231 to Gratzel *et al.*, optionally in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,387,726 to Bankmann *et al.* or U.S. Patent No. 4,177,161 to Umemura *et al.*

Additionally, Claims 76, 79, 82-85 and 87 have also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,001,768 to Buysch *et al.*, optionally in view of either of Bankmann or Umemura.

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the following reasons.

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